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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR

THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1959.



ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year ending 31st December, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of CHATTERIS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report upon the vital statistics and sanitary work of your District for the year ending 31st December, 1959.

VITAL STATISTICS

ESTIMATED POPULATION - mid 1959 - 5,570.

BIRTH RATE

The birth rate per thousand of the population remained the same as in 1958, being 14.362.

There were three still births during the year.

GENERAL DEATH RATE

The death rate for 1959 was 9.80 per thousand of the population, compared with 9.82 in 1958. The total number of deaths in the Urban District during 1959 was 57, in 1958 57. For comparison I have set out below death rates as previously reported.

1937	12.35	per	thousand	of	the	population
1938	9.94	"	"	"	"	"
1939	11.10	"	"	"	"	"
1945	13.99	"	"	"	"	"
1946	13.17	"	"	"	"	"
1947	14.41	"	"	"	"	"
1948	11.89	"	"	"	"	"
1950	9.45	"	"	"	"	"
1951	8.18	"	"	"	"	"
1952	6.87	"	"	"	"	"
1953	11.165	"	"	"	"	"
1954	10.375	"	"	"	"	"
1955	9.10	"	"	"	"	"
1956	9.82	"	"	"	"	"
1957	9.3	"	"	"	"	"
1958	9.82	"	"	"	"	"

NATURAL INCREASE OF THE POPULATION

The number of births in excess of deaths in 1959 was 26; in 1958 it was 24.

INFANT MORTALITY

The death rate of infants under one year of age per thousand live births was 37.5, compared with 62.50 in 1958. The total number of deaths was 3 in 1959, 3 in 1958 and 1 in 1957.

HEALTH SERVICES AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IN THE AREA

STAFF: One part-time Medical Officer
 One part-time Public Health Inspector

HOME NURSING

One District Nurse is appointed full-time, though she will be retiring soon. The Home-Help Service is adequate, there being

at least six members and more are available if necessary.

ANTE-NATAL CARE

An Ante-natal Clinic is held weekly, run by the local Medical Practitioners. There is a full-time District Midwife who attends the ante-natal clinic and visits ante-natally in the home. When we have two midwives, then one should be able to relieve the other, thereby allowing adequate off-duty. Fortunately we are able to call on a part-time midwife for holidays and emergencies.

There is a joint Mothercraft and Physiotherapy Clinic held at March (8 miles away) open to Chatteris residents. Unfortunately the journey somewhat deters.

Abnormal pregnancies, including Toxaemias, are cared for at Wisbech and Cambridge.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

This is provided by two General Practitioners who conduct this service in a modern up-to-date Surgery. Vaccination and the various immunisations are available. The Ambulance Service is exceptionally good. Hospitals at Doddington, Cambridge and Peterborough provide good institutional treatment.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Wisbech and District Water Board is the Statutory Authority, and a piped mains supply from Marham, Norfolk, is provided to 1719 houses directly, whilst 137 houses are only supplied by standpipes. The remaining houses in the outlying rural area have no piped supply. The houses which are only supplied by standpipes are mainly in poor structural condition, and provide some guide as to the possible size of any slum clearance scheme which may be envisaged.

It is essential that piped mains supply should be afforded to the outlying districts of the area as soon as possible, not only to continue to attract workers to the outlying fen area but also to provide a satisfactory standard of health and amenity.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Direct labour collection has produced an increase in the standard of the work executed.

The labour shortage hampers work at the Refuse Dump, but the situation here is generally becoming more satisfactory.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

There are no natural rivers or streams within the Urban Area. The town is situated on a layer of Kimmeridge clay thrown up and forming high land above the fen. The rainfall in the area has always gravitated on the east and west sides into the low-lying fens. This outfall is intercepted by the artificial cuts and "rivers" made some three hundred years ago when the fens were reclaimed.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

This is entirely on the water carriage system in the Urban Area.

SCHOOLS

The schools are all supplied with piped water, and the general sanitary conditions are satisfactory.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Both Acre Fen and Nightlayer works are going well.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,
Your obedient servant,

H. S. L. L. L.

Medical Officer of Health.



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EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

Estimated population, mid 1959.....5,570.

Comparability factors: Births 1.00; Deaths 0.98.

	Male	Female	Total
Live births, legitimate	41	36	77
Live births, illegitimate	2	1	3
Live birth rate per thousand population = 14.362			
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births = 3.75			
Still births.	1	2	3
Still birth rate per thousand live and still births = 36.144			
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Total live and still births	44	39	83
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Infant Deaths

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	-	1	1
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks old	-	1	1
Deaths of infants under 1 week old	-	1	1
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Total	-	3	3
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Infant mortality rate

Total infant deaths per thousand live births - total = 37.5
 " " " " " " " - legitimate
 = 38.922
 " " " " " " " - illegitimate
 = 0
 Neo-natal mortality rate (under 1 month) per thousand
 live births = 25.00
 Early neo-natal mortality rate (under 1 week) per
 thousand live births = 12.5

Pre-natal mortality rate

Still births and deaths under 1 week combined per thousand
 live and still births = 50.00
 Maternal mortality rate, including abortion - Nil.

DEATHS

Male Female Total

The chief causes of death were:

Malignant neoplasm of stomach	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm bronchus	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm of breast.	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic conditions	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system. . .	4	4	8
Coronary disease and angina	5	4	9
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1	1
Other heart diseases.	10	6	16
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Bronchitis.	1	2	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	4	5
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
	30	27	57

Death rate per thousand of population = 9.80

Infectious diseases

Male Female Total

Whooping cough.	12	14	26
Measles	76	72	148
Chicken pox	2	8	10
Scarlet fever	8	7	15
Lobar pneumonia	1	1	2
	99	102	201

SUMMARY OF FOOD INSPECTIONS

1959

1. Number of Food Premises

Cafes	1	Fishmongers	4
Hotels	2	Grocers	19
Milk Producers	4	Butchers	7
Milk Retailers	3	Greengrocers	8
Bakers	3		

2. Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and number of Dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-54.

Ice Cream Retailers	16
Ice Cream Producers	1
Sausage Producers, etc.	9
Number of Dairies	3

3. Number of Inspection of Registered Food Premises 1045
Number of Inspections of Food Premises incl. above 1631

4. Condemned food is disposed of by burning in the refuse incinerator, except for large articles and tinned foods which are normally buried with four feet of cover and surrounded with a nine-inch layer of quicklime.

5. The total quantity of food condemned during the year is as under:-

Pork	375 lbs.
Beef	222 lbs.
Mutton	-
Fish	1 lb. 4 ozs.

Tinned Foods

Meat	35 lbs. 4 ozs.
Milk	$\frac{1}{2}$ pt.
Fruit and miscellaneous	18 lbs. 8 ozs.

MEAT INSPECTION

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	320			578	1308	
Number inspected	320			578	1308	
<u>All disease except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9			10	36	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	2.81			1.74	2.75	
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned					1	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9				30	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.81				2.31	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2					
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2					
Generalised and totally condemned						

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IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959
FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF CHATTERIS
IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

Prescribed Particulars of the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	29	-	-
Factories not included above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	126	-	-
Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	22	155	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			to H.M. Inspector	by H.M. Inspector	
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other defects against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	4	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

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Signature

H. S. Carter

Medical Officer
of Health

Date 30th August, 1960.

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